

Indian Lake Shores Fire District Annual Meeting August 16th, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:16 by president Pat J. Giarrusso

2. There were 21 people in attendance.

3. The minutes of the 2014 annual meeting were reviewed. As there were no corrections or additions Jim Eastwood made a motion to accept the minutes. Stu Westin seconded and the motion /passed.

4. a. The election of officers was discussed next. No one has expressed an interest in holding an office, so the officers will remain the same. Other than 3 people leaving, the council will also stay the same. The president invited all homeowners to attend a council meeting and consider getting involved. The council has consisted of the same people for a very long time. Merlene Mayette made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Helen Novsam seconded. The motion passed.

b. John Mycroft described the repairs to the ladders attached to the rafts on both beaches. He discussed how the rafts can now remain in the water through the winter without deteriorating. This eliminates a yearly job. Several residents were thanked for their help with the rafts.

c. The Treasurer presented his report, including expenditures and income. A discussion ensued concerning delinquent taxpayers. There are seven homeowners who are 2 or more years in arrears on their taxes, owing approximately \$6,000. The council has consulted with a lawyer who has explained our rights and obligations regarding tax collection. The consensus was that we as a district need to do everything available to us to collect these taxes. It is not fair to the homeowners who do pay their taxes and are effectively subsidizing the delinquent people.

General legal expenses were subsequently discussed.

After thanking Hiro for his hard work as treasurer, Art Novsam made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Nick Sinchuk seconded the motion and as all were in favor, it passed.

d. Once the budget was accepted, the tax rate for 2015 was presented by the treasurer. The tax rate he proposed is the same as last year, \$1.38/\$1000. Helen Novsam made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate and Nancy Mowbray seconded, The motion passed and the tax rate is set.

5. Open discussion

Newsletter: John discussed the purpose and the format of the newsletter. The consensus was that the newsletter could be a valuable, community building asset and we should go forward, posting perhaps quarterly or twice a year.

Community chores: Pat J. (president) reported that we did get people to help with the North beach clean up and putting out the raft. She requested that people sign up on a volunteer list, to be called in the future when there are jobs to be completed. There was discussion about removal of the seaweed and old barrels at the North beach.

The "Rules and Regulations of ILSFD" was discussed. Everyone present agreed with the need for homeowners, especially those who rent their homes, to post the rules and to make renters aware of the by-laws. A suggestion was made to highlight the rules and regs document with the tax bill, asking homeowners who do rent to contact us. There were reports of former residents as well as completely unknown people using the south beach. Not many residents appear to be willing to approach them and/or let them know that it is private property.

A homeowner made a request if any one had the correct phone number to call for DEM if boats with large motors, illegally entered boats, or boats tied up to docks are seen. Calling the police department for unruly children/teenagers was also discussed. We do have the authority to impose fines for unruly behavior such as being on the beaches after 9PM, using loud and foul language, building fires on the beach, etc. The best thing to do is call the police first. One such recent incident resulted in the police arriving and escorting the children to their parents. Hopefully this will act as a deterrent. The fines that will be imposed are: \$25 first, the \$50, and \$100.

Residents were reminded that boats and personal property must be removed from common areas by November 1st.

The council has contacted URI to have students design and possibly install a berm on the north beach to minimize and/or end erosion of the sand.

The council president presented the plan to turn over the collection of the fire tax to the Union Fire District. The UFD collects the fire tax from almost everyone else in South Kingstown. The council has consulted a lawyer and plans to proceed. ILSFD will continue to collect a small tax to maintain the beaches, docks, rafts, playground, park, etc.

There was a discussion about somehow including people who live just past ILSFD boundaries but are not part of our association. Many of them are seen to openly use the facilities daily. Is there any way we can ask them to pay for the use of our private properties? Residents raised questions about: the condition of Erik Slater's property and what the town has done, speeding on the roads and dogs on the beach.

Pat J. Giarrusso made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 Jim Eastwood seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat L. Giarrusso
Secretary, ILSFD